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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Elliott et al.

CASE: 011115

EXTENSION OF TIME

SER. NO.: 09/857,325

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Dear Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 50-0545.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136, Applicant respectfully requests an extension of the period in which to file the response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2003, regarding the above-identified patent application, for an additional one month, from April 24, 2003 up to and including May 24, 2003.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136, Applicant respectfully submits that a response was originally required to be filed on April 24, 2003, a period of one month from the mailing date of the Office Action; that the above-identified patent application is not involved in an interference proceeding; and that the Applicant herewith submits the one month small entity Extension of Time fee of \$55.00, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a).

Applicant accordingly petitions for acceptance of the presently requested one month extension of time.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned, at (312) 226-1818, is respectfully invited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: May 5, 2003



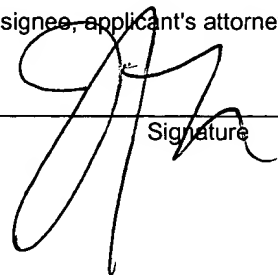
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